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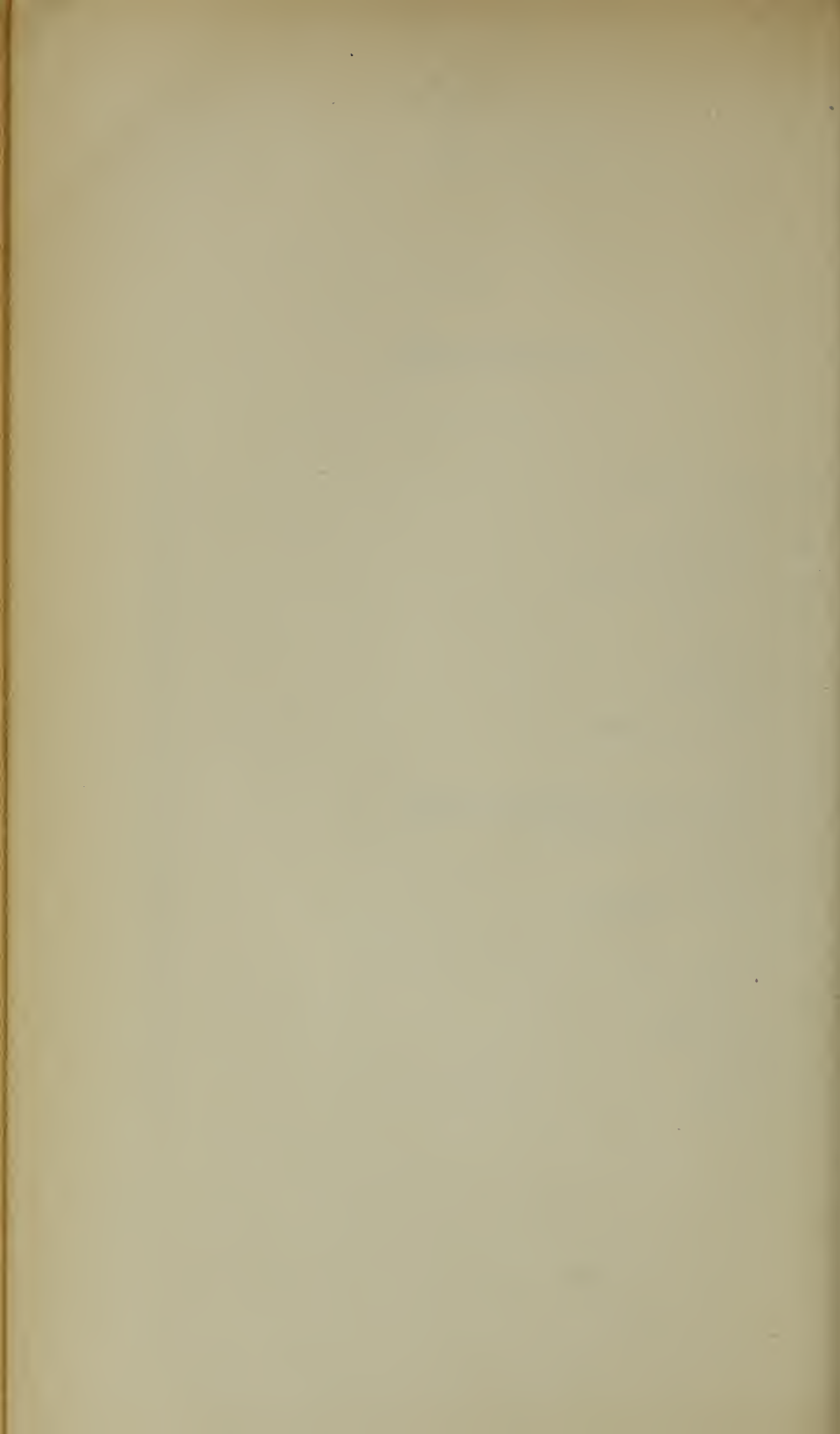
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, Jan. 20, 1898.

To the Honorable Senate and the House of Representatives.

I have the honor to submit, in accordance with section 2 of chapter 262 of the Acts of 1892, the sixth annual report of the transactions of this office, covering the year ending with the 31st of December, 1897. Accompanying this report are the sheriffs' returns and the returns of liquor licenses. As stated in my report of last year, the returns of registers of deeds, which formerly appeared with this report, are no longer made to the Secretary, the act requiring such returns having been repealed by chapter 443 of the Acts of 1896.

In addition to the duties previously assigned to this office, the Legislature of 1897 commissioned the Secretary to print the Bradford History; to investigate and report whether or not the rolls of the colonial forces engaged in the Louisburg expedition of 1745 are in England, and copies thereof can be obtained (chapter 16 of the Resolves); and by the act to provide for the payment of bounties to Massachusetts soldiers in certain cases (chapter 179), he was made a member of a commission to adjudicate claims for such bounties under that act.

The regular work of the office has steadily increased, necessitating some additions to the clerical force.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

The receipts from fees, etc., amounted to \$59,566.54, and were from the following sources:—

Commissions,	\$10,590 00
Corporation certificates,	22,436 70
Limited partnerships,	42 00
Licenses,	21,671 50
Sale of early laws, blank books, etc.,	1,357 74
Labels, trade marks, etc.,	242 00
Miscellaneous, { Certificates,	\$655 25
{ Revolutionary Records,	1,634 95
{ Copies,	936 40
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	\$59,566 54

These fees were paid into the treasury monthly, and a quarterly report thereof was made to the Governor and Council, as required by law.

The expenses for salaries were \$37,257, of which \$1,860 was for the publication of the early laws. The incidental expenses of the office were \$3,609.24.

COMMISSIONS.

The number of commissions issued was 2,338 (an increase over 1896 of 153), of which 572 were without fee. The different classes were as follows:—

Justices of the peace,	1,492
Notaries public,	579
Trustees, commissioners, etc.,	96
Commissioners in other States,	24
District police,	23
Justices of the peace to issue warrants and take bail,	21
Trial justices,	17
Justices and special justices, municipal, district and police courts,	14
Masters in chancery,	11
Special commissioners,	10
Medical examiners,	10
Commissioners to qualify,	10
Public warehousemen,	10
Clerks, municipal, district and police courts,	9
Pilots,	4
Public administrators,	2
Commissioners in foreign countries,	2
Supervisors of registration,	2
Judge of probate and insolvency,	1
Sheriff,	1

There were also issued 354 commissions to supervisors of election.

Certificates to the number of 3,004 were issued (an increase of 22 over 1896), of which 383 were without fee.

I recommend the passage of an act requiring county commissioners to return to this office a certificate of the qualification of officers taking their oaths of office before them.

I also recommend the passage of an act requiring each State board and commission to report its organization to this office,

together with the name of its secretary or principal executive officer.

I suggest for the consideration of the Legislature the advisability of prescribing certain qualifications which shall be necessary to obtain a commission as justice of the peace. There is at present no such requirement in the statutes, although it is true that the executive department prints on its form of application for appointment a certificate that the person recommended is a citizen of the United States, a resident of Massachusetts, more than twenty-one years of age, and of high standing and character. Many papers are received at this office executed by justices of the peace in a manner which betrays gross incompetence on the part of the magistrate, and it would seem proper to enact that a justice of the peace shall be a citizen of the United States, a resident of Massachusetts, more than twenty-one years of age, of high standing and character, and fully competent to discharge all the duties of the office.

I recommend that the acts providing for the appointment of women as special commissioners (chapter 252 of 1883, 197 of 1889 and 476 of 1896) be amended by limiting the term of such commissioners to seven years, and requiring a fee of five dollars, as in the case of justices of the peace. These commissioners are practically justices of the peace; but, as the law now stands, the justices are obliged to pay a commission fee of five dollars, and their term is limited by the Constitution to seven years, while the commissioners are required to pay no fee and are appointed for life. The original act providing for the appointment of special commissioners confined such appointments to women who are attorneys-at-law. The law so remained from 1888 to 1896, during which period, nine years, only ten appointments were made. In 1896, however, the qualification referred to was removed, and during the years 1896 and 1897 the number of appointments more than doubled. There are now thirty-six of these commissions in existence; and I recommend that, in case the Legislature sees fit to limit the term of new appointments, those which have run seven years or more be terminated and a new appointment required, and that none shall extend beyond the term of seven years.

CORPORATION DIVISION.

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under general laws to new corporations was 508 (an increase from 1896 of 36), classified as follows:—

Manufacturing and mercantile corporations (under Public Statutes, chapter 106, section 21),	259
Religious, charitable, social, educational, musical, athletic, etc., corporations (under Public Statutes, chapter 115, section 4),	184
Churches (under Acts of 1887, chapter 404),	31
Fraternal beneficiary corporations (under Acts of 1894, chapter 367),	20
Street railway corporations (under Public Statutes, chapter 113),	9
Labor organizations (under Acts of 1888, chapter 134),	2
Mutual insurance company (under Acts of 1894, chapter 522),	1
Co-operative bank (under Public Statutes, chapter 117),	1
Library (under Public Statutes, chapter 40),	1

One certificate of incorporation was filed by a Roman Catholic Church, under Public Statutes, chapter 38, sections 48, 49 and 50.

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed and recorded was 3,005 (an increase of 164). Of these, 2,141 were certificates of condition of Massachusetts corporations (under section 54, chapter 106 of the Public Statutes); 259 were certificates of organization of manufacturing and mercantile corporations (under chapter 106 of the Public Statutes); 184 were certificates of religious, charitable and other organizations (under chapter 115 of the Public Statutes); 246 were certificates of payment of capital in manufacturing and mercantile corporations (under chapter 106 of the Public Statutes); and the remainder were distributed among 13 different classes.

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed and not recorded was 955 (an increase of 78), of which 856 were certificates of condition of foreign corporations, and the remainder were divided among 12 other classes.

There were issued 18 certificates of change of name of corporations (a decrease of 7).

Returns were received of the dissolution of 36 corporations by the supreme judicial court (a decrease of 15).

Details of all these statistics appear in the Abstract of Certificates of Corporations, published by this office (Public Document, No. 10).

Under the act relating to the incorporation of clubs, one certificate of incorporation which had been issued to a club was declared void and no further effect, upon evidence that the premises of the club were used for illegal purposes. A charter was refused applicants in one case under said act, and there were 3 withdrawals by the parties originally making the application for incorporation.

Section 8 of chapter 105 of the Public Statutes provides that a corporation created by charter, if no time is limited therein, shall be organized within two years from the passage of its act of incorporation. As there is no provision of law for a public record of the organization of corporations above referred to, and it is of importance in connection with matters of record pertaining to corporations in this office to know whether a corporation has been duly organized under its charter, and what amount of capital stock, if any, has been fixed upon with which to commence business, I recommend the passage of an act requiring some evidence of the organization of such corporations to be filed in this office.

Under the provisions of section 31 of chapter 106 of the Public Statutes and chapter 500 of the Acts of the year 1894, a corporation authorized to carry on any mechanical, mining, manufacturing, mercantile, co-operative trade or fishery business, also to erect and maintain a hotel, public hall or building for manufacturing purposes, or to carry on any lawful business not hereinbefore mentioned, may change the par value of its shares, provided that a certificate of such change shall within ten days thereafter be filed in this office.

Also, under the provisions of section 51 of chapter 106 of the Public Statutes, a manufacturing or mercantile corporation is permitted to alter, add to or change the business for the transaction of which it was incorporated, upon the vote of all its stockholders at a meeting duly called for the purpose; but such a corporation shall not engage in any business which is not authorized by the provisions of said chapter 106. Said section provides further that a certificate of such alteration, addition to or change of business shall be filed in this office.

In view of the fact that certificates pertaining to the payment, increase and reduction of capital, the annual certificates of condition, and certificates of authority granted corporations

to open canals, etc., for the introduction and propagation of herrings and alewives, filed under the provisions of sections 46, 54, 56, 57 and 58 of said chapter 106, are required to be submitted, before filing, for approval to the Commissioner of Corporations, by section 59 of said chapter 106, I recommend the passage of such legislation as will require the certificate of change of par value of shares and the certificate of alteration, addition to or change of business referred to in said sections 31 and 51 of chapter 106 of the Public Statutes, to be likewise submitted, before filing, to the Commissioner of Corporations for his inspection and approval.

The question is sometimes asked this office whether our laws permit charitable, benevolent, literary, scientific, educational and similar corporations to alter, add to or change the purpose for which they were incorporated, by a proper vote at a meeting of the corporation called for the purpose, and the filing of a certificate in this office, in the same manner as manufacturing, mercantile and other business corporations are enabled to do under section 51 of chapter 106 of the Public Statutes. To illustrate: An historical or scientific corporation, unable at the time of its incorporation to foresee the need of a place for a reading-room, a library or a place for social meetings, to advance the interests of the corporation, does not make any provision for such in its purpose, but later on recognizes the advisability of providing such a place. There is no way under existing laws whereby such a corporation can amend its purpose to attain the desired end, unless to incorporate anew, which many are reluctant to do. I therefore recommend the passage of an act which will enable such corporations to amend their purpose of incorporation.

Requests to surrender to this office certificates of incorporation of corporations are sometimes received. This happens generally in the case of corporations created under chapter 115 of the Public Statutes for charitable, benevolent, social and such purposes, and is due chiefly to the fact that they have either outlived their usefulness, or because active interest in the corporation on the part of the members has waned. Dissolution in such cases under existing laws by application to the supreme judicial court is not sought, owing principally to the lack of funds on the part of the corporation to pay the neces-

sary expenses. I therefore recommend the passage of an act which will enable such corporations to become dissolved through this office.

Limited partnership certificates to the number of 42 were filed and recorded (an increase over 1896 of 7).

LABELS, TRADE-MARKS, ETC.

By chapter 462, Acts of 1895 (which repealed chapter 443, Acts of 1893, as amended by chapter 285 of the Acts of 1894), entitled “An Act to protect manufacturers from the use of counterfeit labels and stamps,” the duty was placed upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth of receiving, filing and recording such labels, etc., and of issuing certificates of such filing and recording. Under this law, labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertising were received and certificates of record issued in 121 cases (a decrease of 21).

MARKS AND DEVICES ON CANS, ETC.

By chapter 440 of the Acts of 1893, entitled “An Act to protect the owners of cans, bottles, boxes, siphons and fountains used in the sale of milk, cream, soda water, mineral and aerated waters, ale, beer, ginger ale or other beverages,” it is made the duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to receive and file descriptions of marks, devices, etc.; and under this law 38 such descriptions were received and filed (a decrease of 32).

REGISTRATION RETURNS.

The returns of births, marriages and deaths from the various cities and towns for the year 1896, which were received in 1897, cover 72,343 births, 23,651 marriages and 49,381 deaths,—a total of 145,375. This is an increase, as compared with the returns for 1895, of 4,798 births, 549 marriages and 1,841 deaths.

The medical examiners' returns cover 2,416 cases,—an increase of 99, as compared with the returns for 1895.

The returns by the clerks of the courts of the decrees of divorce number 1,610,—an increase of 469 over the last report.

All of these figures are compiled and presented fully in the Fifty-fifth Registration Report (Public Document, No. 1).

Six hundred and fifty certificates of records of births, marriages and deaths were issued during the year 1897 (143 of births, 295 of marriages and 212 of deaths), principally for use in State aid and pension claims.

The number of persons who consulted the returns during the year was 1,874, or an average of 156 monthly.

The card index to the registration returns, authorized by the Legislatures of 1893 and 1895, in accordance with recommendations in the first and third annual reports of this office, is now complete and accessible for use. Serious delay in placing these cards in the metallic cases was caused by the failure of the contractors to deliver the cases seasonably, and I understand that the contractor for the work of writing and placing the cards suffered considerable loss thereby, and will probably bring in a bill for damages.

ARCHIVES.

No important additions to the archives have been made during the year, but the work of preservation and of the improvement of their condition has been done with conscientious care. Seventeen volumes of the revolutionary series and two volumes of the archives proper have been newly mounted and bound; and the work will be continued from year to year, until every volume has been placed in excellent binding, and all the wear and tear caused by the frequent handling hitherto necessary shall have been repaired as far as possible. The total number of volumes in the archives series remains at 320, as last year.

The third volume of the records of Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War was completed during the year, and over 300 pages of the fourth volume are now in type. It can reasonably be expected that Volume IV. will be issued by midsummer, and Volume V. before the close of the year 1898. Volume III. contains all names between C and Cor.

The work of making a card record index of the French and Indian war records, which will form a part of the general index to the archives, is progressing favorably. The number of cards

written, reviewed and sorted alphabetically during the year was 56,018, which, with the number finished in 1896, makes a total of 78,989 completed to Jan. 1, 1898. The nine volumes of muster rolls, etc., covering the period from 1710 to 1774, from which this record index is being compiled, will be finished the latter part of 1898, at the present rate of progress. These cards will then be placed in file boxes, accessible in the same manner as the revolutionary record index.

The number of visitors to the archives room is continually on the increase, and emphasizes more distinctly from year to year the requirement of more ample accommodations for this division of the office. There is a deficiency not only of space, but of light; and within a few years a change for the better in both these respects will be absolutely necessary.

DOCUMENT DIVISION.

There were printed under the direction of this office during the year 1897, in the Public Document series (numbering fifty-seven different reports), 182,650 volumes, — an increase of 2,400 over 1896. Of this number, 111,750 (an increase of about 8,000) were handled and distributed in the document division, being supplied to members of the General Court, to cities and towns, public officers, libraries and to the public generally.

In addition to the Public Document series, there were printed and distributed 25,000 copies of the pamphlet edition of the laws, 10,500 copies of the Blue Book, 10,000 copies of the Manual for the General Court, 906 copies of the term reports, and 700 copies each of the Senate and House Journals; and there were also received and distributed 2,000 copies of the Early Laws (two new volumes); 1,000 copies each of volumes II. and III., Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War; 1,600 copies Volume I., Massachusetts in the Army and Navy, 1861–65; 11,000 copies Census of Massachusetts, 1895 (two volumes); 2,000 copies of the Supplement to the Public Statutes of Massachusetts, 1889–95; 2,000 copies of the Report upon the Sanitary Condition of the Neponset Meadows; 1,900 copies of the Report of the Commission to investigate the Public Charitable and Reformatory Interests and Institutions of the Commonwealth; 2,900 copies of the

Report of the State Board on Docks and Terminal Facilities; 5,000 copies of the Report of the Joint Special Committee of the Legislature appointed to investigate and report upon the post-mortem examinations of certain cows condemned as tuberculous under the order of the Board of Cattle Commissioners (House, 1341); 5,000 copies of the Supplement to the Laws relating to Elections; 4,000 copies of Laws concerning Innholders and Common Victuallers; 2,000 copies of the Report of the Commission on Taxation; and 1,400 additional copies of the fourth report of the Massachusetts Highway Commission, — making a grand total of 202,356 volumes which passed through the document division during the year, — an increase of 46,025 over 1896.

On account of an increased demand for certain reports, I recommend an increase of editions as follows: Report of the Chief of the District Police, from 2,000 to 2,500 copies; Report of the Commissioner of Public Records, from 1,500 to 2,000 copies, and that 500 be for the use of the commissioner.

I also recommend, upon the request of the State Board of Lunacy and Charity, that there be printed annually 500 extra copies of so much of the annual report of said Board as relates to city and town almshouses, together with that portion of the appendix to the report called "The Pauper Abstract."

I recommend that such copies of Massachusetts in the Army and Navy, 1861-65, as shall not be called for by the distributees designated in the law shall be subject to distribution at the discretion of the Secretary.

I recommend that the distribution of the recently published supplement to the Public Statutes, 1889-95, be subjected to the provisions of chapter 60 of the Resolves of 1891, in order that such distribution may be uniform with that of the Public Statutes and of the first supplement thereto (1882-88); and, further, that a limited number of copies of the 1889-95 supplement, say ten, be placed at the disposal of the compiler thereof.

REGIMENTAL HISTORIES.

No new histories have been presented for acceptance under the act of 1893, "to authorize the purchase of historical works relative to the services of Massachusetts Volunteers during the late war." I am informed, however, that there is reason

to expect two, if not three, of these histories during the current year, and I have recommended an appropriation accordingly.

STATE PRINTING.

It has been the duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth since 1893 to supervise the State printing, and I have accordingly inspected the State printing office from time to time during the past year, and have had the work constantly under observation. In addition to this general supervision by the Secretary, all bills are carefully examined and all printed matter measured by an expert employed by the auditor. The largest item of expense was that for the series of Public Documents, — \$66,512.88. The greatest cost for a single report was for that of the Board of Agriculture, — \$6,100.13; the report of the Board of Health coming next, with \$4,557.30. The smallest item was that for the report of the Board of Registration in Pharmacy, — \$26.93. The Blue Book cost \$6,217.96, the Manual \$2,810.95, and the printing of ballots \$6,895.36.

The House printing cost \$13,866, exclusive of the cost of the House Journal, which was \$1,385.45. The Senate printing amounted to \$4,860.22, exclusive of the Senate Journal, which cost \$1,046.36. This was a material reduction from the bills of 1896. The Supplement to the Public Statutes (3,000 copies) cost \$8,788.25. Of this amount, however, \$3,562.50 will be returned to the Commonwealth for copies sold.

There is, of course, a general tendency toward an increase of the printing bills, caused by the natural increase in the work of the different officers, boards and commissions. I have accordingly increased the estimate for appropriations for this purpose, my estimate for 1898 being \$60,000, as against \$55,000 for 1897.

BRADFORD'S MANUSCRIPT HISTORY.

By chapter 91 of the Resolves of 1897, the Secretary of the Commonwealth was ordered to print Bradford's History of the Plymouth Plantation, from the original manuscript, together with a report of the proceedings of the joint convention of the Senate and House of Representatives held on the occasion of the presentation of the Manuscript to the Governor, in May last. It was found upon careful examination that the sum of

\$2,000 appropriated for the purpose was insufficient to produce the book in a style befitting the importance of the subject and of the dignity of the occasion to be commemorated. In order to avoid unnecessary delay, however, orders were given to proceed with the work, relying upon the Legislature to provide the necessary increase of means. The matter is now in type and the illustrations are prepared, but work is suspended for the present until authority can be obtained to proceed further. In my judgment, an edition of at least 6,000 copies will be required, and the estimated cost thereof is \$4,500. I therefore recommend that an appropriation of \$2,500 be made, in addition to the \$2,000 appropriated by the Legislature of 1897. If all copies of this book are free, the demand will undoubtedly be greatly in excess of the supply; I recommend, therefore, that authority be given to the Secretary to sell copies at a reasonable price, to be determined by him.

EARLY LAWS.

Chapter 104 of the Resolves of 1889 required the Secretary to cause to be collated, indexed and published, in a style similar to that in which the Blue Books, so called, were then published, all the Acts and Resolves of the General Court from the adoption of the Constitution to the year 1806, together with such portion of the Acts and Resolves of that year as he might find necessary in order to make such publication complete to the time when full publication of the Acts and Resolves has already been made. Under this resolve volumes 10 and 11, containing the legislation of the years 1798-1801, have been issued during the past year, and volume 12 is now in press. The work will be brought to a close with volume 13, the editing and probably the publication of which will be completed during the current year. Both of these latter volumes will, however, contain a larger number of pages than those immediately preceding. In the preparation of copy for these volumes the original acts, resolves, addresses, etc., on file in the archives, have been always at hand, and have furnished the only recognized standard of authenticity and completeness. Careful comparison with these original sources has corrected many errors in the early pamphlet editions, and led to the addition of considerable matter not therein contained. Having in mind

the fact that these volumes will be consulted by those interested in historical research, as well as by the student of early legislation, care has been taken to make the index full and complete.

RECORD INK.

It was stated in my last report that, under the law providing for a standard record ink, advertisement had been made for new proposals for furnishing such ink, and that the samples received were undergoing analysis and test. During the past year the tests were completed and a new ink chosen, made in accordance with a formula carefully prepared by a competent chemist, and submitted to all bidders. One of the chief objects in view in obtaining the new ink was to insure freedom from smirching and failure to dry and harden quickly, concerning which some complaint was made of the former ink. It is hardly necessary to say that it is impossible to obtain an ink which will fulfil all the requirements for records, and yet dry instantly and leave no more deposit upon the paper or pen than the thin fluids which are generally popular; but an effort has been made to obtain an ink with the least possible tendency to smirch, consistent with absolute permanency.

The new ink has been in use since the first of November. So far no complaint has reached this office, although it must be taken for granted that it is impossible to please the thousands of officials with a single kind of ink.

I renew my recommendation that a penalty be attached for failure to comply with the just provisions of this law. There was recently received at this office a return from a town clerk which was written with an ink which from all indications will have absolutely disappeared within twenty years, — and this in plain and palpable violation of the requirement that the officer should make all records with the official standard ink.

The amount of ink sold during 1896 is shown by the following table: —

	Gallons.	Quarts.	Pints.	Half Pints.
Counties, . . . {	1 old.	214 old.	12 old.	—
	3 new.	316 new.	24 new.	—
Cities, . . . {	31 old.	353 old.	140 old.	12 old.
	14 new.	413 new.	198 new.	48 new.
Towns, . . . {	4 old.	82 old.	102 old.	54 old.
	11 new.	89 new.	277 new.	354 new.
Totals, . . .	64	1,467	753	468

The receipts from these sales amounted to \$1,069.09, as against \$551.72 in 1896.

There have been issued free to State officers, boards and commissions, 7 gallons, 254 quarts, 90 pints and 27 half-pints.

ROLLS OF COLONIAL FORCES IN THE LOUISBURG EXPEDITION.

By chapter 16 of the Resolves of 1897, the Secretary of the Commonwealth was instructed to ascertain and report to the General Court whether or not there are in existence in England rolls of the Fifth Massachusetts Colonial Regiment, and of all the colonial forces engaged in the Louisburg expedition of the year 1745, and whether or not certified copies of such rolls can be obtained, and the cost of obtaining the same.

In the performance of this duty, I addressed a letter to the State Department at Washington, requesting that the proper inquiry might be made through the regular official channels, deeming that course to be more effectual than any other. The following letters from Ambassador Hay to the State Department, and from Mr. B. F. Stevens, United States Despatch Agent at London, to Ambassador Hay, fully show the result of this quest.

It seems to be established that the desired rolls are not to be found in England, but there is a possibility of their discovery in Halifax, and it is suggested that action be taken by the General Court for a search in that direction. It has been supposed by some that copies of these rolls, or possibly the rolls

themselves, are in the possession of the Massachusetts Historical Society; but I am informed by the librarian, Hon. Samuel A. Green, that the society has only a few scattering rolls, which appear among the papers of Sir William Pepperell, and which that society intends to publish in the near future.

[COPY No. 140.]

AMERICAN EMBASSY, LONDON, Oct. 9, 1897.

The Honorable JOHN SHERMAN, *Secretary of State*.

SIR:—Referring to your Instruction No. 233 of the 21st ultimo, enclosing a copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, together with a copy of a Resolve of the General Court of that State, relative to the records of the colonial forces of Massachusetts engaged in the Louisburg expedition of the year 1745, I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of a letter from Mr. B. F. Stevens, the United States despatch agent at London, to whom the matter was referred as an expert on such subjects, setting forth exhaustively and fully the result of his investigations, which it is hoped may be of value to Mr. Olin.

It will be observed that Mr. Stevens states, in his letter above mentioned, that every facility and information was afforded him by the officers of the record office in his careful search among the documents of the colonial, admiralty, audit and war offices, and, though his search for the desired rolls was unsuccessful, he nevertheless obtained certain collateral information as to the colonial forces engaged in this expedition; and I have the honor of transmitting herewith a copy (in pencil) of the register of the commissions in the army under the command of Colonel Pepperell for an expedition against the French settlements at Cape Breton, giving the names of the officers of the forces sent out by Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Connecticut, that captured Louisburg on the seventeenth day of June, 1745, which came enclosed in Mr. Stevens' letter already referred to.

I am convinced that no fuller information could be obtained through an application to the foreign office upon the subject than that contained in Mr. Stevens' enclosed report.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN HAY.

Enclosures: 1, a copy of a letter, Mr. Stevens to Mr. Hay, Oct. 5, 1897;
2, a copy of a register, as above.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DESPATCH AGENCY,
4 TRAFALGAR SQ., W. C., LONDON, Oct. 5, 1897.

HIS EXCELLENCY JOHN HAY, *United States Ambassador,*
U. S. Embassy, 123 Victoria Street, S. W.

SIR:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt on the 2d instant of your request to me to ascertain and report whether or not there are in existence in England rolls of the Fifth Massachusetts Colonial Regiment, and of all the colonial forces engaged in the Louisburg expedition in the year 1745, and whether or not certified copies of such rolls can be obtained, and the cost of obtaining the same. I respectfully report that:—

1. It is assumed that, if such rolls exist in England, they would be in Her Majesty's public record office.

Many historical students, American and English, as also many of the record office officials, have within the last score of years searched for the rolls of the colonial forces, soldiers and sailors, engaged in the 1745 Louisburg expedition, without finding them.

3. I have now carefully searched among the documents of the colonial, the admiralty and the war offices, and of the audit office, on the chance of finding that the rolls had been used as vouchers there. Every facility and information was afforded to me by the officers at the record office, but I regret to add that my search was not successful.

4. In the absence of the desired rolls, I have sought for collateral information as to the colonial forces engaged in this expedition. There are four thin books in the audit office, unique of their kind, giving the skeleton "establishment" of the Cape Breton forces in 1745-48. The number of men is given, but not the names, and it seems that the Georgian Rangers were Shirley's Regiment, or the main colonial regiment of the period. It is evident that the colonial force is not included in the imperial establishment.

5. Among the colonial office papers is a register of the commissions in the army under the command of the Hon. William Pepperell for an expedition against the French settlement at Cape Breton. This register gives the names of the officers of the forces sent out by Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Connecticut, that captured Louisburg, June 17, 1745.

I respectfully enclose copy of this register. This copy is made in pencil, as the use of ink is not allowed in the public reading-room of the record office.

6. There was another Louisburg expedition in 1758, but this has not been a subject of the present search.

7. Mr. Douglas Brymer, the official archivist of the Canadian

government, Ottawa, some three or four years ago felt considerable hope that he would find some 1745 Louisburg papers among the Halifax archives ; but I have never heard any definite results, if any, of his searches there.

I am quite aware that I have exceeded your instructions in going further than to look for rolls, but if this information is thought to be useful, I shall be a willing recipient of seven dollars for my search and report.

I have the honor to be, etc.,

B. F. STEVENS.

THE COAT-OF-ARMS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

There is now in the hands of the artist, nearly completed, a drawing of the coat-of-arms of the Commonwealth, the first of an official character ever made. I expect to be able to submit it for formal approval and adoption by the General Court at its present session ; and I recommend the passage of an act requiring strict conformity to this design in the use of the coat-of-arms and the seal of the Commonwealth on all official documents, and prohibiting the use of such coat-of-arms or seal, or any representation thereof, for any other than official purposes. This suggestion is in accord with the sentiment which holds the flag of the country too sacred for commercial use, and which, it seems to me, requires that the emblem of the Commonwealth should be held in equal respect.

CHANGES OF NAMES.

The returns of 398 names changed as decreed by the several judges of probate were received and filed, in compliance with the requirements of section 14, chapter 148 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 89, Acts of 1897, and published in the Blue Book.

PEDDLERS' LICENSES.

There were issued to hawkers and peddlers, under the provisions of chapter 68 of the Public Statutes, 2,139 licenses. Of this number, 394 were for the State, 737 for counties, 690 for cities and towns and 318 for cities and towns in which the applicant resided and paid taxes on a stock in trade.

There were also issued 929 free licenses to soldiers and sailors, — an increase of 23 as compared with the previous

year; and 58 free licenses to persons seventy years of age or upwards, — an increase of 4.

Two licenses were issued to itinerant vendors, under the act of 1890.

The number of transfers of licenses was 219.

RETURNS UNDER THE "LOBBY ACT."

Under what is known as the "lobby act" (chapter 456 of 1890, as amended by chapter 223 of 1891 and chapter 298 of 1894), 223 entries were made upon the docket of legislative counsel and agents, — a decrease of 74, as compared with 1896. Returns were received at this office covering 204 of these entries. Of those received, it became the duty of the Secretary to transmit 11 to the Attorney-General for his information, 5 of them appearing to be irregular or defective, and the 6 others being received after the expiration of the time limit. The 19 cases of delinquency were reported to the Attorney-General, as required by law.

ELECTIONS.

All statements and statistics referring to elections appear, as required by law, in Public Document, No. 43 (Assessed Polls, Registered Voters, etc.), together with recommendations in relation thereto.

Under the provisions of the election act of 1893 and of chapter 242 of the Acts of 1895, relative to statements of election expenses, 131 duplicate returns were received from city and town clerks, examined and placed on file. This is a decrease of 121 in the number of returns received in 1896.

PROCLAMATIONS.

The usual Thanksgiving and Arbor Day proclamations were printed and distributed under the direction of this office. Of the Thanksgiving proclamations, about 2,300 were sent by mail to churches and about 100 to institutions; and of the Arbor Day proclamation, 1,050 were distributed by mail.

PARDONS, REQUISITIONS, ETC.

The number of pardons made out and issued in 1897 was 37; requisitions upon other States, 41; warrants issued upon requi-

sitions from other States, 13; transfers from prisons, etc., to lunatic hospitals, 22; recommitment for violating condition of pardon, 1.

INSOLVENCY RETURNS.

Under the provisions of section 143, chapter 157 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 89, Acts of 1897, the returns of 1,054 cases of insolvent debtors (an increase of 194 over 1896) were received during the year from the several registers of probate and insolvency, and entered in this office for convenient reference.

NATURALIZATION RETURNS.

Under the provisions of section 5, chapter 345 of the Acts of 1885, as amended by chapter 36 of the Acts of 1887, returns were received of the naturalization of 4,318 persons before the various courts of the Commonwealth during the year 1896, an increase of 1,786, as compared with the returns for 1895. These returns were indexed and bound in convenient form for reference, as required by law.

MISCELLANEOUS.

As required by law, the return of the Surveyor-General of Lumber of the various kinds and quantities of lumber surveyed and the amount of fees received by him and his deputies in the year 1897 was received and filed Jan. 20, 1898.

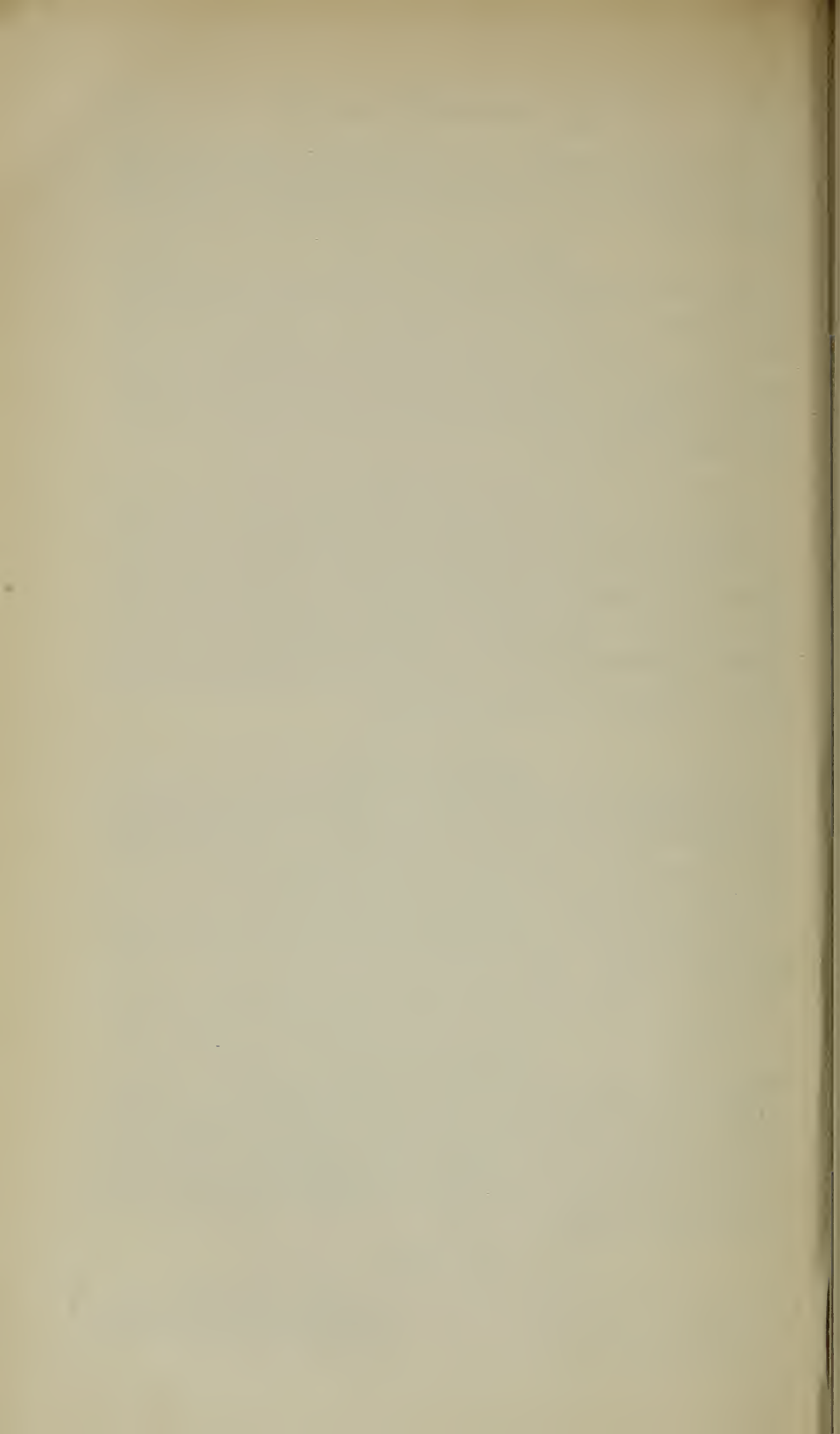
The return of the Inspector-General of Fish for the year 1896 was received and published in the Boston "Daily Advertiser" of April 2, 1897.

The four special reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths (Public Document, No. 1), Abstract of Certificates of Corporations (Public Document, No. 10), Aggregates of Polls, Property, Taxes, etc. (Public Document, No. 19), and Returns of Assessed Polls, Registered Voters and Persons who voted, etc. (Public Document, No. 43), have been made, as required by law.

Respectfully,

WM. M. OLIN,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.



LIQUOR LICENSES,

1897.

BERKSHIRE Co.																							
Adams, . . .	8	\$8,000 00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	\$4,000 00	1	\$200 00	4	\$4 00	-	-	-	-	\$12,204 00	686	490	
Alford, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	9	
Becket, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39	65	
Cheshire, . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	91	98	
Clarksburg, ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Dalton, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	288	
Egremont, . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	93	
Florida, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	35	
Great Barrington,	3	5,400 00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1,500 00	1	1,400 00	5	5 00	-	1	\$200 00	8,505 00	408	318	
Hancock, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	35	
Hinsdale, . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	105	111	
Lanesborough, .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	69	
Lee, . . .	3	3,000 00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	600 00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	57
Lenox, . . .	1	1,000 00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	300 00	-	-	-	3	3 00	-	-	3,603 00	352	282	
Monterey, . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2 00	-	1,902 00	214	163		
Mt. Washington,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	29	
New Ashford, .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	9	
N. Marlborough,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	9	
North Adams, .	19	38,000 00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	5,400 00	5	3,000 00	12	12 00	-	-	-	46,412 00	1,735	1,282	
Otis, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	10	
Peru, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	23	
Pittsfield, . .	18	30,600 00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	5,400 00	1	1,200 00	11	11 00	-	2	100 00	37,311 00	1,935	1,817	
Richmond, . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	71	
Sandisfield, .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66	52	
Savoy, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	20	
Shelfield, . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	800 00	-	-	-	1 00	-	-	-	-	142	120	
Stockbridge, .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	126	154	
Tyringham, . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	22	
Washington, . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	18	
W. Stockbridge,	1	1,000 00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	300 00	-	-	-	1 00	-	-	-	1,301 00	118	72	
Williamstown, .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 00	-	-	-	-	249	371	
Windsor, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	34	
Totals, . . .	53	\$87,000 00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52	\$18,300 00	8	\$5,800 00	-	\$42 00	-	4	\$350 00	\$112,242 00	6,715	6,257	
BRISTOL Co.																							
Acushnet, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	124	
Attleborough, .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1 00	-	-	-	-	217	459	
Berkley, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	58	
Dartmouth, . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	118	
Dighton, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	126	
Easton, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 00	-	-	-	-	167	221	
Fairhaven, . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 00	-	-	-	-	112	161	

1 No vote cast.

Liquor Licenses, 1897 — Continued.

COUNTRIES, CITIES AND TOWNS.	FIRST CLASS.			SECOND CLASS.			THIRD CLASS.			FOURTH CLASS.			FIFTH CLASS.			SIXTH CLASS.			SEVENTH CLASS.			Vote at next Annual Meet- ing. Shall Licenses be granted?
	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for same.		
Bristol Co.																						
— Con.																						
FALL RIVER, . . .	188	\$119,200 00	-	-	-	-	185	\$43,500 00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	\$35 00	-	-	-	
Freetown, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Mansfield, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
New Bedford, . . .	263	70,500 00	-	-	-	-	241	24,400 00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31	31 00	-	-	-	
N. Attleborough, . . .	6	7,200 00	-	-	-	-	6	3,400 00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2 00	-	-	-	
Norton, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Kaynham, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Rehoboth, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Seekonk, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Somerset, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Swansey, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Taunton, . . .	27	39,300 00	-	-	-	-	21	6,300 00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	10 00	-	-	-	
Westport, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Totals, . . .	184	\$236,200 00	-	-	-	-	153	\$77,600 00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82	\$82 00	-	-	-	
Dukes Co.																						
Chilmark, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cottage City, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Edgartown, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Gay Head, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Gosnold, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Tisbury, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
West Tisbury, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Totals, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Essex Co.																						
Amsbury, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Andover, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Beverly, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Buxford, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Totals, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Amounts Received for Licenses.																						

Liquor Licenses, 1897 — Continued.

COUNTIES, CITIES AND TOWNS.	FIRST CLASS.			SECOND CLASS.			THIRD CLASS.			FOURTH CLASS.			FIFTH CLASS.			SIXTH CLASS.			SPECIAL CLUB.			Amounts Received for Licenses.	Vote at last Annual Meet- ing. Shall Licenses be granted?
	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for same.	No. Revoked.					
FRANKLIN Co.																							
— Con.																							
Conway,	1	—	—	1	\$750 00	—	1	\$600 00	—	1	\$1 00	—	1	\$1 00	—	1	\$1 00	—	1	\$1 00	—	107	
Deerfield,	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	300 00	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	96	
Erving,	1	\$1,000 00	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	61	
Gill,	6	7,800 00	—	6	—	—	6	1,800 00	—	6	5 00	—	6	5 00	—	6	5 00	—	6	5 00	—	35	
Greenfield,	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	530	
Hawley,	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	48	
Heath,	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	27	
Leverett,	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	40	
Leyden,	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	8	
Monroe,	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	47	
Montague,	6	6,000 00	—	6	—	—	6	1,800 00	—	6	5 00	—	6	5 00	—	6	5 00	—	6	5 00	—	19	
New Salem,	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	26	
Northfield,	5	5,000 00	—	5	—	—	5	1,500 00	—	5	3 00	—	5	3 00	—	5	3 00	—	5	3 00	—	23	
Orange,	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	58	
Rowe,	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	3	
Shelburne,	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	10	
Shutesbury,	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	368	
Sunderland,	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	354	
Warwick,	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	2	
Wendell,	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	97	
Whately,	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	146	
Whately,	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	26	
Whately,	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	62	
Whately,	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	4	
Whately,	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	38	
Whately,	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	16	
Whately,	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	22	
Whately,	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	75	
Whately,	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	27	
Totals,	19	\$21,100 00	—	3	\$750 00	—	21	\$6,500 00	—	17	\$17 00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$25,367 00	2,484	
2,535																							
HAMPDEN Co.																							
Agawam,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	152	
Blandford,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Brimfield,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	43	
Brimfield,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	
Brimfield,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	69	
Brimfield,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	80	
Brimfield,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	98	
Brimfield,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,292	
Brimfield,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	771	
Brimfield,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,292	
Brimfield,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	771	
Brimfield,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	95	
Brimfield,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	47	
Brimfield,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	95	
Brimfield,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	67	

[illegible]

- 1 Two first and fourth classes taken together.
- 2 Four first and fourth classes taken together.
- 3 Eight first and fourth classes taken together.

Liquor Licenses, 1897 — Continued.

COUNTIES, CITIES AND TOWNS.	FIRST CLASS.		SECOND CLASS.		THIRD CLASS.		FOURTH CLASS.		FIFTH CLASS.		SIXTH CLASS.		SPECIAL CLUB.		Amounts Received for Licenses.	Vote at last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be granted?	
	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for same.	No. Revoked.	Amounts Received for same.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.		Yes.	No.
Norfolk Co.																	
Con.																	
Dover, .																7	75
Foxborough, .																153	287
Franklin, .																195	381
Holbrook, .																96	190
Hyde Park, .																489	727
Medfield, .															\$8 00	101	121
Medway, .															1 00	101	121
Millis, .															3,602 00	245	269
Milton, .																25	73
Norfolk, .																245	475
Norwood, .																174	357
Quincy, .																12	52
Randolph, .																309	478
Sharon, .																1,194	2,047
Stoughton, .															1 00	244	454
Walpole, .																51	183
Wellesley, .																311	427
Westwood, .																124	153
Weymouth, .															2 00	88	282
Wrentham, .																20	125
																618	748
																47	113
Totals, .	2	\$2,000 00					2	\$1,600 00			33	\$33 00			\$3,633 00	6,462	10,341
Plymouth Co.																	
Abington, .																96	305
Bridgewater, .																231	279
Brockton, .																3,261	3,248
Carver, .																13	65
Duxbury, .																28	103
E. Bridgewater, .															\$1 00	55	106
Halifax, .															1 00	20	49

Rutland,	8	8,000 00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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1. One first and fourth class taken together.

Liquor Licenses, 1897 — Concluded.

RECAPITULATION.

COUNTIES.	Vote at last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be granted?		NUMBER ISSUED.							Number revoked.	Amounts Received for Licenses.
	Yes.	No.	First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.	Fourth Class.	Fifth Class.	Sixth Class.	Special Club.		
BARNSTABLE, .	840	1,892	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	\$2 00
BERKSHIRE, .	6,715	6,257	53	3	-	52	8	42	4	-	112,242 00
BRISTOL, .	14,315	11,693	1184	-	-	1153	-	82	13	-	317,232 00
DUKES, .	123	339	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4 00
ESSEX, .	25,003	24,899	2128	32	-	286	33	129	7	-	285,888 30
FRANKLIN, .	2,484	2,535	419	3	-	421	-	17	-	-	28,367 00
HAMPDEN, .	11,975	8,834	⁵ 6124	3	-	⁵ 6130	⁶ 4	79	5	3	197,578 00
HAMPSHIRE, .	3,615	3,544	26	2	-	26	-	19	-	-	41,669 00
MIDDLESEX, .	27,533	38,014	7135	-	-	7131	1	210	2	6	233,410 00
NANTUCKET, .	286	197	-	3	-	1	-	2	-	-	1,052 00
NORFOLK, .	6,462	10,341	2	-	-	2	-	33	-	-	3,633 00
PLYMOUTH, .	6,110	7,735	11	7	-	5	1	9	3	1	17,359 00
SUFFOLK, .	46,783	30,130	803	17	-	919	136	260	63	5	1,457,235 00
WORCESTER, .	19,955	19,399	8125	7	-	874	1	113	10	-	266,913 00
Totals. .	172,199	165,809	1,610	47	-	1,600	154	1,001	107	15	\$2,962,584 30

¹ One hundred and seventeen first and fourth classes taken together.² Seventy-three first and fourth classes taken together.³ Two second and fifth classes taken together.⁴ First and fourth class taken together.⁵ Fifty-eight first and fourth classes taken together.⁶ Two first, fourth and fifth classes taken together.⁷ Fourteen first and fourth classes taken together.⁸ One first and fourth class taken together.

SHERIFFS' RETURNS,

1897.

Abstract of the Returns of the Sheriffs of the Several Counties of the Commonwealth for the Year ending Sept. 30, 1897, in Compliance with the Public Statutes, Chapter 25, Sections 25, 26.

COUNTIES.	AMOUNT OF MONEY RECEIVED.					NUMBER OF DAYS' ATTENDANCE.					
	From County Treasurer.	For Fees in Civil Processes.	For Fees in Criminal Processes.	From All Other Sources.	Total.	Upon Supreme Judicial Court.	Upon Superior Court.	Upon Court of Record.	Upon County Commissioners.	Upon More than One Court at Same Time.	Total.
Barnstable,*	—	—	—	\$1,000 00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Berkshire,†	\$1,600 00	—	—	—	\$2,600 00	3	57	—	12	—	72
Bristol, .	1,500 00	\$150 00	\$2,200 60	—	3,850 60	9	160	—	7	9	185
Dukes, .	325 00	139 39	53 28	200 00	717 67	—	5	—	—	—	5
Essex, .	2,650 00	—	—	8,072 57	10,722 57	15	209	—	—	44	268
Franklin, .	—	—	—	1,097 00	1,097 00	4	49	—	—	—	53
Hampden, .	1,500 00	—	1,286 04	—	2,786 04	20	179	—	34	24	257
Hampshire, .	1,124 56	—	—	86 13	1,210 69	—	65	—	12	—	77
Middlesex, .	2,650 00	—	—	6,462 96	9,112 96	28	367	—	—	148	543
Nantucket, .	399 44	17 91	2 40	17 00	436 75	—	3	—	—	—	3
Norfolk, .	1,200 00	—	—	2,418 73	3,618 73	3	545	—	—	—	548
Plymouth, .	900 00	—	—	—	900 00	3	102	—	—	—	105
Suffolk, .	3,000 00	—	17,793 78	270 45	21,064 23	+292	†1,297	—	—	—	237
Worcester, .	2,500 00	—	—	9 44	2,509 44	16	222	—	—	22	260
Totals, .	\$19,349 00	\$307 30	\$21,336 10	\$19,634 28	\$60,626 68	393	3,260	—	65	247	2,613

* No return received on account of death of sheriff.

† Supreme judicial court for the Commonwealth, 81; supreme judicial court, 211.

‡ First session, 169; second session, 170; third session, 167; fourth session, 170; jury waived, 129; criminal, 237; divorce, 47; equity, 208.]